

doors on November 8, 1899 and is the largest metropolitan zoo in the country with approximately 4 million visitors annually and featuring 6,000 animals and 600 species.

The Bronx Zoo continues to win awards for its world class exhibits and is well known for creating naturalistic habitats. Chief among them is the Congo Gorilla Forest which is one of the zoo's most popular exhibits. Spanning more than 6 and a half acres, the exhibit's main attraction is the western lowland gorillas, making up the species' largest breeding group in all of the Americas. The Gorilla Forest is the largest manmade rainforest in the world. The rain forest simulation gives visitors the chance to experience the Congo as if they were there. Along with the lowland gorillas, the exhibit is home to white bearded debrazza monkeys, okapis and red river hogs. Since the opening of the exhibit, it has had 7 million visitors. The exhibit fees go to help conservation efforts in Africa which have helped 18 National Parks in such countries as Cameroon, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, and Gabon.

From the zoo grounds, hundreds of conservationists work every day hand-in-hand with more than 3,000 employees located in 65 developing countries around the world. The zoo's first conservation achievement was here in the United States of America, where, by 1905, uncontrolled hunting had reduced the great herds of bison to fewer than 1,000 animals. Theodore Roosevelt, along with William Hornaday, the Bronx Zoo's first director, were founding members of the American Bison Society (ABS), an organization formed at the Bronx Zoo to preserve this icon of the American prairies. In 1907, the Bronx Zoo sent a group of zoo-born bison to Oklahoma, South Dakota and Montana to help re-establish the species throughout the plains. Along with its broad conservation efforts, the Bronx Zoo's award-winning exhibits and pioneering research has garnered world recognition.

In the Bronx, the zoo's impact is felt in yet another way. In addition to being a cultural staple and headquarters for an international conservation organization, it is an economic cornerstone in the Bronx. On average, the Bronx Zoo employs more than 750 full-time staff per year and is the largest employer of youth in the borough, providing employment opportunities, job skills training, and scholarship opportunities for more than 700 teenagers each year. Two years ago, the Bronx Zoo opened the first New York City public school focused on wildlife conservation. At the school, children can learn math, sciences, history, and arts by interacting with the zoo's animals and experts.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Bronx Zoo on its 110th Anniversary and to applaud the institution for its efforts in leading the world in wildlife conservation as well as bringing joy to the millions of visitors who have walked through its gates.

HONORING FORMER IOWA FOOTBALL COACH FOREST EVASHEVSKI

HON. DAVID LOESACK

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. LOESACK. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor the life of former Iowa

Football Coach Forest Evashevski. Coach Evashevski served as the head coach for the Iowa Hawkeyes from 1952–1960 and coached the Hawkeyes to two Rose Bowl victories—the only Rose Bowl victories in the team's history. Using his innovative wing-T offense, Coach Evashevski was able to compile a 52–27–4 record during his 9 years as Iowa's head coach. The team was also selected as the 1959 National Champions by the Football Writers Association of America.

After concluding his coaching career in 1960, Coach Evashevski accepted the position of Iowa's Athletic Director. He held this post until 1970. Coach Evashevski's no-nonsense work ethic and innovative play calling garnered him the National College Football Coach of the Year from 1956 through 1958 and again in 1960. He was accepted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 2000.

Forest Evashevski passed away on October 30, 2009. The years of service as the Head Football Coach for the University of Iowa will not be forgotten by the "Hawkeye Nation."

HONORING ROBERT "BOB" WILLIAMS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor Mr. Robert "Bob" Williams, a long-time resident of The Woodlands, Texas, and a dear friend. The Woodlands was lucky enough to gain Mr. Williams as a resident when he moved from Chicago after being director of the Chicago YMCA for 25 years. It wasn't long after Mr. Williams came to The Woodlands, that he helped establish the first YMCA.

Among Mr. Williams' firsts in The Woodlands are that he was a founding member of the Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church and one of the original Hometown Heroes of The Woodlands—he was awarded this honor because of his commitment to the community. Mr. Williams is an Eagle Scout, World War II veteran, and lifelong Kiwanis Club member.

Mr. Williams has been very active in the Kiwanis Club in The Woodlands from the beginning. He founded The Woodlands' first Kiwanis Club and has served the club and the community for 53 years as a highly distinguished member. Mr. Williams has directed The Woodlands' Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast for 18 years. He also helped charter the Kiwanis Key Clubs in four Woodlands High Schools to teach our young students how important it is to serve your community. His life was a direct example for those students because they saw him serving others tirelessly—and well past retirement.

Mr. Williams has a heart for youth and spent his life encouraging them—through Kiwanis Key Clubs, Special Olympics, and the YMCA. He is a great role model, mentor and undoubtedly has impacted countless lives, young and old.

At age 85, he traveled to Haiti to represent Kiwanis International to work on Iodine Deficiency. And on his 90th birthday, he even held a food drive for Interfaith of The Woodlands,

turning his birthday celebration into a time to help others—now this is a man who never stops serving others and is an example to us all.

As you can see, he has committed endless hours to teaching our youth, even after the age of 90. He recently celebrated his 91 birthday and after a lifetime of community service he is finally taking some time to slow down.

The Woodlands truly benefited from his relocation to our community, and as he gets ready to move, we regret that we will lose a great community servant and true friend.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Mr. Williams and his countless contributions to the people of The Woodlands. I urge you to join me in recognizing Bob Williams for his many years of service, even after the age of 90.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 858, H. Res. 868, I was not present because the vote was called unexpectedly when myself and other Republican members were attending the House Call rally. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on No. 858.

HONORING THE TEXAS MARINES MEDAL OF HONOR MONUMENT IN THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Texas Marines Medal of Honor Monument in The Woodlands, Texas. Marines Thomas R. Early, Burt Cabanas, Jim O'Connor and Bill Leigh were instrumental in bringing the monument to The Woodlands. It is truly inspirational to know that this monument is now in existence due to the determination of these local Marines who brainstormed this one of a kind monument as a fitting tribute to all Texas Marines.

The monument was dedicated on May 25, 2007, at Town Green Park to pay tribute to seventeen Texans awarded the Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government. It stands to pay reverence to these men including five Marines from World War II, four Marines and one Navy Corpsman from the Korean War, and seven Marines from the Vietnam War.

One can hardly pass the Texas Marines Medal of Honor Monument without feeling an overwhelming sense of appreciation for the sacrifice of these brave patriots as you stand before the monument and read the seventeen names engraved in gold.

The Marines honored are as follows:

SSGT William James Bordelon, 22, San Antonio; PFC Charles Howard Roan, 21, Claude; 1st LT Jack Lummus, 29, Ennis; SGT William George Harrell, 22, Rio Grande City; 1st LT William Deane Hawkins, 29, El Paso; 1st LT Frank Nicias Mitchell, 29, Indian Gap; SSGT

Ambrosio Guillen, 23, El Paso; PFC Whitt Lloyd Moreland, 21, Waco; 2nd LT George Herman O'Brien, Jr., 26, Fort Worth; Hospitalman John Edward Kilmer, 21, Houston; PFC Alfred Mac Wilson, 21, Abilene; LCPL Thomas Elbert Creek, 18, Amarillo; SGT Alfredo (Freddy) Gonzalez, 21, Edinburg; LCPL Richard Allen Anderson, 21, Houston; PFC Oscar Palmer Austin, 21, Nacogdoches; 2nd LT Terrence Collinson Graves, 22, Corpus Christi; LCPL Miguel Keith, 18, San Antonio

On top of this monument stands a sculpture of the Marine Corps official emblem—the eagle, globe and anchor. The eagle with spread wings resting on top of the world reminds us what our Marines do for us—they protect us at all costs.

I hope that as families use Town Green Park in the future, they look upon the monument with pride and honor these brave soldiers by reflecting on all those serving in our Armed Forces. Parents will impress upon their children the great honor bestowed on these great individuals from the Lone Star State and tell them how admirable it is that these men have sacrificed much to allow us all to freely walk, worship and live in America.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Texas Marines Medal of Honor Monument in the U.S. House of Representatives. I urge you to join me in remembering these seventeen Texans who received the Medal of Honor as well as all of our Marines and other servicemen and servicewomen for the sacrifices they have made for the people of the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded vote for rollcall 848. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" for this measure.

Bill H.R. 3639, Sutton of Ohio Amendment No. 4, On Agreeing to the Amendment, rollcall No. 848, "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on November 5, 2009, I was unavoidably detained and was unable to record my vote for rollcall No. 864. Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 864: "aye"—Expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day.

CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT GENERAL TERRY L. GABRESKI ON OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant General Terry L. Gabreski, for her outstanding service to our Nation on the occasion of her retirement.

On behalf of the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, I am honored to congratulate Lieutenant General Gabreski upon her retirement as Vice Commander of the Air Force Material Command at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Her dedicated service to the citizens of our Nation and our area is both admirable and commendable. Gabreski received her commission in 1974 upon her graduation from officer training school. Since that time, she has served as director of maintenance for the deputy chief of staff for installations and logistics at Headquarters, U.S. Air Force.

Over the course of her distinguished career, she has also directed two aircraft maintenance units, served as a squadron maintenance supervisor in three units, commanded three maintenance squadrons and a logistics group, and twice served as a major air command director of logistics. Lieutenant General Gabreski will be retiring effective January 1, 2010.

For her many years of service to our Nation, I join the people of Ohio's Seventh Congressional District in extending our best wishes upon her retirement and wish her ongoing success in all future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO JANICE WILSON

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. LEVIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend and colleague in public service, Janice Wilson of Fraser, Michigan, as she retires after 26 years of devoted and talented service on the City Council. I deeply enjoy working with Jan as she is a warm and passionate advocate for many important causes.

Jan Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State University and received a master's degree from Wayne State University, where she later went on to become an instructor. In 1958, Jan Wilson began working on behalf of children with disabilities and their families at the Macomb Intermediate School District and she continued in this capacity until 2000.

In 1962, Jan and her husband Bob moved to the City of Fraser, where they have become an important part of this wonderful community. She has served her community in many capacities including as a member of the Recreation Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. She was elected to the Fraser City Council in 1983, and during her tenure, served 4 terms as Mayor Pro-tem.

Advocacy and devotion to helping people are the cornerstones of Jan Wilson's career.

She is involved in many local organizations, never hesitating to take on another responsibility or to wear another hat if she thought it would help. She is a founding member of the Macomb County Child Abuse and Neglect Information Council. She was asked to serve on the Community Mental Health Board, the advisory boards of the Community Assessment Referral Education (CARE) Agency and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She is also the past president of the Fraser Goodfellows.

Protecting the environment is one Jan Wilson's many civic passions. Governor Jennifer Granholm appointed her to Michigan's Air Pollution Control Commission and she also served on the Southeast Michigan Council of Government's (SEMCOG) Council on Environmental Quality. Governor Granholm also appointed her to the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging. All of Jan Wilson's achievements have been recognized over the years as she has been recognized as the WWJ Citizen of the Week, the Handicapped Professional Woman of the Year, and Volunteer of the Year.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the dedicated public service of Jan Wilson and her numerous achievements on behalf of children, families and her community. I am so pleased to join with the entire community in paying tribute to her achievements, thanking her for years of talented service and for being such a good friend to so many of us. I am confident she will continue to play an important role in the community where she is highly thought of, in addition to enjoying a bit of retirement with her husband and their four grandchildren.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 6, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, consistent with the Republican Leadership's policy on earmarks, I submit this statement.

Requesting Member: Congressman BILL SHUSTER (PA-9)

Bill Number: H.R. 2997—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, FY 2010

Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Projects

Project Name: Flight 93 National Memorial
Account: National Park Service, Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: National Park Service

Address of Requesting Entity: 109 West Main Street, Suite 104, Somerset, PA 15501

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$725,000 for Flight 93 National Memorial

It is my understanding that funding for this project would be used for infrastructure costs at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Flight 93 National Memorial honors the men and women who gave their lives in the first counterattack of the Global War on Terror to defend the Nation's Capitol on September 11, 2001.